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SUBJECT: CHINESE IN THE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

REF: STATE 216261

1. USLO OFFICER TALKED ON PHONE WITH WU CHI-TA OF CONSULAR
DEPT., MFA ON 3 OCTOBER REGARDING CHINESE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT.
WU INFORMED USLO AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING VOLLEYBALL TEAM WOULD NOT
TRANSIT US EN ROUTE MEXICO.

(B) ACCORDING TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE AVAILABLE TO HIM THE
TEAM LEFT PEKING 2 OCTOBER.

(C) THE CHINESE SIDE HAD NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON THE
NECESSITY FOR TRAVELLING TO SAN DIEGO TO PRACTICE DAILY.
IF THE NEED AROSE FOR THIS ONCE THEY WERE IN MEXICO, THE
CHINESE SIDE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE
US EMBASSY IN MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF OBTAINING THE
NECESSARY VISAS FOR THE CHINESE VOLLEYBALL TEAM.

2. USLO OFFICER TOLD THE CHINESE THEY HAD BEEN INFORMED
BY USLO EARLIER THAT TEAMS WOULD BE PRACTICING DAILY IN
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SAN DIEGO AND USLO WAS PREPARED TO ISSUE THE NECESSARY

VISAS. ALSO IN MATTERS OF THIS KIND, THE DEPARTMENT MUCH PREFERRED TO ISSUE THE VISAS IN PEKING RATHER THAN AT ANOTHER LOCATION. WU EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THIS INFORMATION AND SAID THE CHINESE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THEIR TEAM WOULD BE PRACTICING IN THE US BUT HE WOULD APPRECIATE OUR ASSISTANCE IF IT TURNED OUT THEY HAD TO TRAVEL TO THE US.

3. WE CAN ONLY SURMISE THAT THE CHINESE WERE IN A LAST MINUTE RUSH TO GET THE TEAM TO MEXICO. THEY APPARENTLY GOT THE MEXICAN VISAS ON THE 29TH OF SEPT AND MFA WAS CLOSED 1, 2, AND 3 OCT. THE TEAM SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT ON THE 2ND. THE CHINESE SIMPLY DID NOT REACT TO THE INFORMATION ON DAILY PRACTICES IN SAN DIEGO ALTHOUGH THEY WERE TOLD ABOUT THIS IN ADVANCE.
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